IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

NATIONAL CHICKEN COUNCIL, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

No. 4:24-cv-03786

BROOKE ROLLINS, in her official capacity as SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, et al.,

Defendants.

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court's February 13, 2025 Order, ECF No. 36, the parties¹ jointly submit the following joint status report to provide an update to the Court regarding the proceedings in this action.

Defendants continue to consider their approach to this case. In the meantime, on April 1, 2025, a number of farmer and rancher organizations filed a motion to intervene as defendants in this case. *See* ECF No. 38. Both Plaintiffs and Defendants intend to oppose that motion in the ordinary course.

To facilitate the orderly resolution of this case, the parties propose that they submit a joint status report addressing further proceedings within thirty (30) days of the Court's resolution of the intervention motion.

Dated: April 11, 2025 Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d), Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins is automatically substituted for Gary Washington.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On April 11, 2025, I electronically submitted the foregoing document with the Clerk of Court for the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, using the Court's electronic case filing system. I hereby certify that I have served all parties electronically or by another manner authorized by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5(b)(2).

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